(b) whether the concerned States were consulted before setting up the above Tribunal; and

(c) if so, what were the views of each concerned State regarding above Tribunal ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Efforts were made by the Centre to arrive at an understanding or a negotiated settlement between all the basin States. Government of Tamil Nadu in July, 1986 under Section 3 of the Inter-State Water Disputes Act, 1956 moved the Centre for constituting the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal under Section 4 of the Act. In the application before the Supreme Court for setting up of a Tribunal moved by the Farmers' Association of Tamil Nadu, the Supreme Court, after reviewing the progress of the case and after hearing the Basin States, concluded that the Centre should fulfil its statutory obligation and directed the Government of India to set up the Tribunal, as required under the Inter-State Water Disputes Act. All the four basin States have nominated their representatives for the work before the Tribunal and have appeared for the first hearing of the Tribunal held on 28-7-1990.

Earning of Foreign Exchange Equivalent to REP Licence Value by Exporters to Rupee Trade Countries

3515. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had initially made it obligatory for all replenishment licence users to earn additional foreign exchange equivalent to the value of their REP licences;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have withdrawn the said provision from the new Import Export Policy; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU) : (a) to (c) As a measure of balancing the outgo of free foreign exchange on import of inputs used in manufacture of goods for export to Rupee Payment Area, a provision was introduced in the current Policy to impose additional export obligation to export to General Currency Areas to earn free foreign exchange equivalent to the c.i.f. value of licence issued against an Advance/Blanket Advance Licence. However, considering the fact that discriminatory treatment to RPA exports would not be in the overall interest of the country, the position has been reviewed and it has been decided that this additional export obligation would be imposed by the CCI&E only in cases where it is necessary in the larger public interest.

Smuggling of Ball Bearing into India

3516. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been an alarming rise in the smuggling of ball bearings into this country from Singapore, Hong Kong, Bangladesh and Nepal;

(b) if so, what are the main reasons therefor; and

(c) what action Government have taken to check such activities ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI) : (a) to (c) Smuggling being a clandestine activity, it is not possible to say whether there is an alarming rise in the smuggling of ball bearings into the country from Singapore, Hong Kong, Bangladesh and Nepal. However, available reports indicate that ball bearings continue to be sensitive to smuggling mainly because of non-availability of certain varieties of ball bearings in the Indian market and high domestic price. The Enforcement agencies of the Customs remain alert against such smuggling.

Deep-Sea fishing industry

3517. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 458

given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th August, 1990 and state :

(a) whether the term complete compliance implies full compliance with whatever conditions are set by his Ministry or associated financial institution;

(b) if not, what is the range of flexibility involved;

(c) what is the basis of insisting on "personal guarantees" from small entrepreneurs engaged in a unique sector like deep-sea fishing;

(d) whether deep Sea fishing industry involves different risks not inherent in other sectors; and

(e) if so, what are the reasons for insisting on such unusal condition ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) and (b) The rehabilitation cases of fishing companies assisted by the erstwhile Shipping Development Fund Committee, are considered as per the norms prescribed by the Government and merits of the individual cases.

(c) Personal guarantees are insisted upon from promoters of the fishing companies which are extended rehabilitation assistance by Government of India, to ensure their commitment for the successful implementation of the rehabilitation of their companies and eventual rehabilitation of the companies as well as the orderly repayment of dues to Government of India on rescheduled basis.

(d) Risks inherent in the deep sea fishing industry are somewhat different from those in other industries. Availability of fish resources in cases like shrimp, are subject to fluctuations from year to year. However, on the positive side, the fish, resource is a natural crop.

(e) Taking personal guarantee of promoters directors in closely held companies is not unusual.

Rehabilitation Assistance to Shipping Companies

3518. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the names of the shipping companies which were given rehabilitation assistance for their revival, giving details of the respective finannces arranged for each such unit;

(b) whether each and every Director of such assisted shipping companies gave personal guarantee for the new loans advanced by SCICI or for rescheduleement of old loans;

(c) what are the names of the companies which did not give any personal guarantees.

(d) whether it is a fact the SCICI did not draw any distinction between the fishing and shipping industry;

(e) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(f) what steps are being taken to assist fishing industry and small entrepreneurs in a big way ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI) : (a) The list of names of the Shipping Companies which were given rehabilitation assistance for their revival is enclosed at Statement-I (*See* below). As part of this rehabilitation ,however, no fresh finance have been given for any of these units.

(d) No, Sir.

(c) List of the names of the companies whose Directors did not give any personal guarantees is enclosed at Statement-II (*See* below).

(d) No, Sir.

(e) The question does not arise.

(f) The following steps have been taken by Shipping Credit & Investment Company of India Limited (SCICI) to assist the fishing industry and small entrepreneurs in a big way :

(i) Periodical interface with the industry to understand the practical problems of the industry